



The Randolph Review

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Randolph Township Receives State Funding

The Randolph Township Trustees are pleased to announce that \$106,500.00 was awarded by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the Unger Road (TH-33) Resurfacing Project. The improvements made include ditching, culvert replacement, culvert catch-basin installation where needed, and resurfacing of the roadway. Construction began at the end of August and completed on September 26, 2007.

The Ohio Public Works Commission provides grants and loans for local governments to build and maintain their infrastructure through the State Capital Improvements (SCIP) and the Local Transportation Improvements (LTIP) programs. Roads, bridges, culverts, water supply, wastewater systems, storm water collection, and solid waste facilities are eligible for assistance. Local governments apply for funding through one of the nineteen District Public Works Integrating Committees in Ohio.

Our road department has been chipping and sealing various roads throughout the township. Chipping and sealing is a cost-effective method of resurfacing. An asphalt emulsion is sprayed over the roadway creating a tacky surface. A layer of limestone is immediately placed over the emulsion and rolled to ensure it seals. The benefits of a chip and seal process is that it seals small cracks and holes, protecting the underlying pavement from aging, traffic wear and oxidation; makes the surface waterproof while breathing new life into aging, worn-out road surfaces. Although chip and seal does not last as long as asphalt overlay, it is much more cost effective on low-traffic rural roads. The roads that were chip and sealed this year include: Aberagg, Horning, Wilkes, Matti, Pamer, Thomas, Dibble, Maxwell, and German Church.

Another paving project that is being discussed is Belding Road. An invitation to bid was issued and bids will be opened on Thursday, October 11, 2007. We are very hopeful that this project will be completed this year, but weather must be taken into consideration with this end of the year project.

The warm days of summer are fading fast and fall will be here soon. As the leaves begin to fall, it is the perfect time to clean and check the ditches on your property. Ditches play an important part in drainage control and must be kept clear at all times. Please take time to remove leaves and debris from ditches and also check the flow if possible. Please contact the Road Department before doing any ditch work to make sure you are not in violation of any codes. If you are responsible for clogging a ditch, and as a result damage is caused to property upstream, you could be liable. Please be a good citizen and keep all ditches clear. For further information about ditches, please contact the Road Department at 330-325-2776.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

How many remember when this slogan first came around? How many of us follow this simple slogan in our daily lives? In our busy lives it is much easier to just throw everything away. Have you ever thought about where all these items end up? Mostly it takes up space in landfills which we usually don't see. Out of sight, out of mind. Unfortunately, quite a bit of these items are showing up along our roadsides. In an effort to promote recycling in our community we are offering some very useful information about recycling. It really is simple and takes just a little bit of your time and the rewards are great!

There are 14 recycling drop off sites in Portage County. The hours are from dawn to dusk, seven days a week. The Randolph Township Trustees encourages all residents to use the recycling center in Randolph Township, which is currently located on Waterloo Road across from St. Joseph Church. By using the recycling center frequently, we can avoid mandatory curbside recycling.

DO RECYCLE PAPER AND CARDBOARD

Cardboard
Newspaper
Magazines and catalogs
Phone books and paperback books
Office, school papers, junk mail

DO RECYCLE BOTTLES AND CANS

Glass bottles and jars
Steel and aluminum cans
#1 and #2 plastics
Pop and beverage bottles
Milk and water jugs
Colored detergent bottles

PLEASE REMEMBER

- ◇ To rinse bottles and cans
- ◇ There is no need to remove the labels on anything
- ◇ Flatten cardboard boxes

PLEASE DO NOT RECYCLE

Aerosol and paint cans	Paper cups and plates
Ceramics and light bulbs	#3 through #7 plastics
Chemical containers	Scrap metal
Goopy pizza boxes	Trash and tires
Juice boxes and paper milk cartons	Waxy or foil-covered cardboard
Motor oil containers	Window glass
Siding, shingles, drywall, or any construction materials	

Other materials such as computers, appliances, tires, oil, and hazardous waste materials can be recycled, but **NOT AT THESE DROP OFF LOCATIONS**. Please call the Portage County District Recycling Center at 330-678-8808 for details about how to recycle these materials.

Please watch for more helpful hints in future issues of the township newsletter. For additional information on a specific recycling issue, visit the Portage County District Recycling Center website at <http://www.recycle.4t.com> or call the phone number listed above.

OHIO'S OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

Our township officials and fire department frequently receives phone calls requesting information on open burning. Open burning regulations are established by Ohio Administrative Code and are enforced by the Ohio EPA and the Randolph Township Fire Department. Ohio EPA has an informational brochure, "Before You Light It... Know Ohio's Open Burning Regulations", which outlines what types of fires can and cannot occur. Below are some frequently asked questions.

What is open burning?

Open burning is any time you light an outdoor fire without a chimney or stack.

Are recreational fires permitted?

Bonfires, campfires, and outdoor fireplace equipment, whether for cooking food, pleasure, ceremonial, warmth, recreational, or similar purposes are allowed without notification to or permission from the Ohio EPA. Fires must be fueled by clean, seasoned firewood, natural gas, or the equivalent. Fires may not be used for waste disposal purposes and are limited in size to an area of no more than three feet in diameter and two feet in height.

Is open burning permitted for any other purpose?

Open burning may be permitted for the following purposes with prior notification to Ohio EPA:

- Prevention or control of disease or pests
- Disposal of agricultural waste
- Recognized horticultural, silvicultural, range, or wildlife management practices

Open burning is permitted for the disposal of residential waste, including leaves, or agricultural waste generated on the premises, as long as the fire is located at least 1,000 feet from any neighbor's inhabited building.

If my neighbor complains will the fire department investigate?

The fire department will investigate all complaints of open burning. Provided the fire complies with the requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code and Ohio EPA it will be permitted to burn. The fire department will prohibit open burning that is offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions make such fires hazardous or endangering to people.

Can a community regulate open burning?

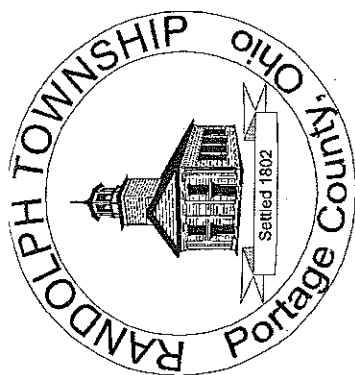
Yes, however local regulations cannot be less strict than the state law.

What happens if I'm caught illegally open burning?

Ohio EPA has the authority to enforce that state's open burning laws. If you fail to follow the regulations established you could be cited.

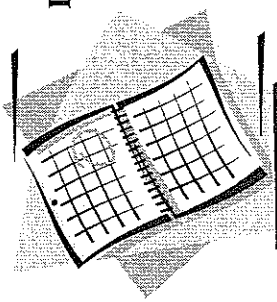
When in doubt, it is always better to make a quick phone call to get the information you need. If you have questions about open burning regulations or recreational fires, please contact the Randolph Township Fire Department at 330-325-1904. For additional information on Ohio EPA open burning regulations, please contact the Akron Regional Air Quality Management District at 330-375-2480. For a complete copy of Ohio's open burning regulations, visit their website at www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/general/openburning.html or contact: Ohio EPA

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Important dates to remember....



- ✓ **October 28, 2007**
Trick or Treating
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Turn on lights to participate.
- ✓ **October 29, 2007**
Candidates Night in the
Community Center at 7:30 p.m.
- ✓ **November 6, 2007**
Election Day
**Remember to bring your license
for identification.
- ✓ **November 8, 2007**
Portage County Health Department
Influenza Clinic in the Senior Center
from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Cost of
the flu vaccine is \$20.00 and the
Pneumonia vaccine is \$45.00. Blood
pressure checks will be available by
fire department personnel. No
appointment necessary.



Christmas is just around the corner. A gift idea that helps the Lions Club and the recipient is a house marker. Emergency services depend on the house marker to quickly find your residence or business. This simple task helps response time and can sometimes mean the difference between life and death. Please see any Lions Club member or stop in the township office for an order form.

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